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TAGS: CGEN: SS BEAUREGARD, DETAINING OF U.S. REGISTERD VESSEL

SUBJECT: VESSELS AND SEAMEN

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1. SS BEAUREGARDN OFFICIAL NO. 251 08, OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, OWNERS: LITTON LEASING CORP; OPERATORS: SEA-LAND SERVICES INC, VITOADAMO, MASTER, BEING DETAINED SAIGON BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES INCONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION BRASS SMUGGLING CASE OF LAST YEAR. WAS DUE SAIL ELEVEN AM TODAY. CAPTAIN ADAMO APPEARS BE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DIFFICULTY. EXTREMELY UNCOOPERATIVE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, REFUSED LEAVE SHIP AT INVITATION RPT INVITATION OF POLICE TO ACCOMPANY THEM HEADQUARTERS FORINTERVIEW, WHEREUPON RESENTED WITH WARRANT AND ARRESTED. AUTHORTIES HAVE AGREED RELESE HIM FOR NIGHT UPONEMBASSY'S GUARANTE HE WILL APPEAR FOR FUTHER TESTIMONY TOMORROW. CAPTAIN APPARENTL TAKES VIEW HE IMMUNE FROM LOCAL JURISDICTION, REFUSES LISTEN TO CONTRARY OPINION.

2. VESSEL HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF VIETNAM MANY TIMES IN PAST YEAR, BUT THIS FIRST VOYAGE ON WHICH ADAMO AGAIN CAPTAIN. BELIEVE PROBLEM FOCUSES SOLELY AROUND HIM AND THAT ITWILL BE POSSIBLE RESLVE PROBLEM AS SOON AS HE COOPERATES. THERE ARE NO VIETNAMESE ABARD VESSEL AND THERE HS BEEN NO ATTEMPT TAKE PHYSICAL POSSESSION. WILL REPORT IN DETAI WHEN MORE FACTS BEOME KNOWN.
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